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One Million Acres.

With the opening of the Uintah and Uncompaghe reservations, which it is pretty well settled will occur the coming spring, one million acres in round numbers, much of it the richest agricultural and mineral land in the country, will be ready for settlement within the borders of the state. Undoubtedly the scenes attending the opening of Oklahoma and all large and rich tracts of land will be here reenacted. Where the gazell-eyed deer, now peacefully grazes will soon be heard the hum of the hammer, the merry ring of the anvil, and the whirl of industry and trade. Cities will spring up where now are slumbering villages of Indian tepees, and the population of our growing commonwealth will doubtless be augmented by many thousands who are eagerly watching the presidential order that will fix the day when the rich quarter sections of the Uintah and Uncompaghes can be legally filed upon.

Next April is the time generally set down for the opening of the Uncompaghe. The negotiations which have been pending with the Indians for some time have been settled and a bill authorizing the opening of the reservation will reach the president early next session and will undoubtedly, as the details have been satisfactorily arranged with the tribe, at once receive his signature. Under the agreement between the government and the Indians the latter take their lands in severalty, and some of it has already been allotted. A similar proposition is pending with the Uintahs, and those in a position to know are very hopeful that the arrangements will be closed so that both reservations will be simultaneously opened in the spring of '98. But, should these arrangements not be completed, it will not deter the government from opening the Uncompaghe, inasmuch as there is great demand for such action.

The latter reservation comprises some 400,000 acres, and on it are known to be the richest gilsonite deposits in the world. While the government reserves the mineral lands it is known that they will be sold for a price approximately about 20¢ per acre, which would be merely a nominal figure. The opportunities for speedy and marvelous wealth by the lucky locators of these deposits will be numerous. On the borders of the Green river, which courses through the Uncompaghe, are thousands of acres of the richest agricultural land in the state which will also be grabbed up with avidity. The southern and northeastern portions of the reservation are not so rich land, though its possibilities in mineral deposits of all kinds may be many.

The Uintah reservation comprises some half million acres, probably one-third of which has been surveyed. In agricultural land it is much richer than the Uncompaghe. The innumerable plateaus and valleys around the Lake Fork are unsurpassed for agricultural

purposes in the entire west, while south and east of Fort Duchesne are some 50,000 acres available for agriculture. The Strawberry valley, comprising many thousands of acres is a splendid grass country, while there are said to be gilsonite deposits on the eastern boundary. The reservation is but 45 miles distant from Salt Lake at its nearest point.

The town of Price—the largest gilsonite shipper in the world—is at present the supply point for the reservation, and its citizens look for a big boom for a year or two following their opening. It is to be hoped that the Uintah will be opened simultaneously with the Uncompaghe. Their settlement will greatly add to the prosperity of this city.—Salt Lake Herald.

Almost a Crime.

Injunction has become a legal fad. If two persons fall out over anything they straightway apply for injunctions against each other. It doesn't make much difference what the victim has done, or what he is going to do. The injunction is applied for on general principles.

It has remained for an Indiana man to establish the latest precedent in the matter of injunctions, and it is probable that the limit has been reached. The man's wife wanted to take advantage of the low rate for the Christian Endeavor convention and come to California, but he did not want her to absent herself. Words led to war and a new Declaration of Independence, for the woman declared that she was going anyway.

The man was evidently a weak vessel. He could control neither his wife nor her pocketbook. "When she will she will you may depend on it," as the old saying goes, but the worst half had one more card up his sleeve. He applied to the court for an injunction compelling his wife to remain at home. The judge doubtless took the matter under advisement for his decision is not as yet recorded. Neither does report throw light upon the important question as to whether the judge himself is a married man. The suspense is awful, but we can only wonder and wait.

To grant the injunction would, in the opinion of California people, amount to a crime. If the woman had set her heart upon going to Kamchatka or Patagonia, or some other fearful and outlandish place, public opinion might possibly side with the to-be-bereft husband although it is very doubtful if that view would be generally held.

But to grant an injunction preventing a person from coming to California! The idea is absurd, preposterous. Nobody but an Indiana or a New Jersey man would entertain it. One might as well ask for an injunction forbidding anybody from going to heaven.—Los Angeles Herald.

Opera House Etiquette.

There are a number of untutored youngsters in this town who seemingly attend entertainments at the opera house for the sole purpose of disturbing per-

formers and patrons. Their conduct is not a good recommendation of the social status of the town and does not indicate an unusual degree of parental control. The rod or the strap, wielded by muscular mothers upon the breeches of the boys, might have a tendency to reduce these breeches of good behavior to a comparatively comfortable minimum, so that spectators could enjoy at least a part of the performance undisturbed by the conversational interruptions and boisterous conduct of the hoodlums. Otherwise, some night an enraged audience is liable to take the biblical injunction about sparing the rod and spoiling the child in its own hands. A timely rebuke, rightly applied, is more valuable and lasting than book learning to some boys.

To speak it mildly, though profanity would be excusable under the circumstances, the boys are not the only nuisances upon show nights. There are the garrulous gossips who insist upon talking scandal audibly right in the middle of a death scene or violin obligato. Admitting that they should not be held responsible for the neglect of their parents to inculcate in them the principles of good breeding, during the period of their early education, we think they should have a conscientious regard for the rights of those who want to hear what is going on on the stage, and they should recollect, too, that there is nothing so discomforting to a performer as a noisy and disrespectful auditorium.

While we are on this subject it might be well to suggest the baby check system for theatrical performances here. And dogs should be charged double price and gagged during the performance.—Williams News.

Last Tuesday Jose Mendez was accidentally shot and killed at Harrington's well, on the Mesa road, about twenty-five miles from Florence. Thomas F. Weedon, Fred White and Charles Douglas had gone out there to take down a boiler and pump, which Mr. Weedon was removing to his mine. They were working outside when a shot was heard in the house, and a moment later a little girl came running out of the door with a pistol in her hand. Going into the house the gentlemen named found Mendez on the floor shot through the bowels, and in the agonies of death. Just how it occurred will never be known, as the little girl can give no rational account of it and the victim never spoke after the shot was fired. The body was taken to Mesa.—Republican.

The "new woman" of San Francisco have an elephant on their hands in the shape of a Hindoo, who is called "The Bramacharin." When he first arrived they slobbered all over him and said he was a darling; now they call him a lunatic, which he undoubtedly is. He preaches theosophy, reincarnation and similar stuff, and does it in his shirt tail, with a night cap on, which pleases the ancient cacklers, who never before had a chance to inspect a man in undress uniform.—Bodie Miner Index.

Remarkable Phenomenon.

About 5 o'clock this morning a heavy fog settled down over the city and thermometers dropped ten degrees in less than thirty minutes. It was a heavy, cold fog, being almost like a light rainfall. The watery vapor was soon afterward blown away to the northwest where it formed one of the most beautiful mirages ever seen here. The snowy range of mountains was reflected on the vapor as perfect as though it were a looking glass, extending entirely across the northern horizon. The range seemed to shut in the city, and a stranger would have wondered how on earth people got out of the city. The range was not inverted, as often occurs in a mirage. A large number of people viewed the scene until it faded.—Laramie Boomerang.

The Treasury department at Washington, is in receipt of a letter from the collector of customs at Great Falls, Mont., submitting the question whether, in determining the respective values of lead and silver contained in imported ores, the prices of these metals in the markets of the United States at the time of importation or at the time of withdrawal for consumption shall be taken. Assistant Secretary Howell stated in reply that the price prevailing at the time of withdrawal of such ores for consumption, or of entry for a bonded smelting and refining warehouse, are to be taken for the determination of the dutiable character of the ores.

The Mining Investor of Colorado Springs says that the fundamental cause for eastern and foreign antipathy to mining stock is apparently the light regard in which stockholders are held. The gross error appears to be prevalent among company managements of the west. Some managements bulldoze their stockholders with brazen effrontery; some politely decline to give out any information; some bluff their stockholders by telling only just so much as they want to tell; some mislead as the lancy or their pockets suit them; some try to come near doing the right thing, but mightily few succeed in giving satisfaction.

The Springfield Republican asks if American judges would consider this incident a contempt of court: A prisoner in a sheep-stealing case in Queens-town, Cape Colony, became so interested in the legal argument that he offered to bet the Judge 10 shillings that he was wrong in his view of the law. The fellow was finally discharged, but before leaving the court he offered to pay the Judge the stakes because now he was convinced that his Honor was right on the legal point in question. That no contempt was imputed was shown by the hearty laugh which came from the Judge at this climax.

The Science News says: In several places in the Cape Colony and Orange Free State of South Africa caves have been explored which yielded hundreds of mummified remains of a queer species of six fingered monkeys. All of the full-grown specimens of this remarkable race have the tail situated high up on the back—from three to five inches farther up than on the modern monkey—and other distinguishing marks, such as two sets of canine teeth, beards on the males, etc.

The country editor may not know it all but he does not remain long in a community without knowing a duced sight more than he publishes.

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